



The Central Visitor

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All-Church Picnic and 175th Anniversary Homecoming

A special treat is in store at this month's Fellowship Sunday lunch on September 20. We will gather on the west lawn following second service for our traditional all-church picnic *plus* homecoming festivities celebrating Central's 175th anniversary. There will be grilled pork chops, live music by the Jim Walker trio, games, special prizes and more. You won't want to miss this!

To make your reservation, write "Fellowship" next to your name on the Friendship Pad on Sunday, September 6 or 13, or call the church office, 428-4336. Please make your reservation promptly, so we can be sure to have plenty of food and place set for you.

Thank You, Rudi Descaro!



A reception was held Sunday, August 30th, to honor and thank **Rudi Descaro** for his more than 21 years of service on the custodial staff at Central. Rudi has retired and we wish him all the best in this new phase of his life. He is pictured with his wife, **Mary Kay**, and members of Central.

Make Sure YOU are Part of Our 175th Anniversary Year Directory!

Time is running out to schedule an appointment and make sure you and your family are included in our 175th year Congregational Pictorial Directory. Additional Photography Days have now been scheduled for our Church Directory for Friday, September 11th (2-8 p.m.) and Saturday, September 12th (9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) Make an appointment by calling the church office (428-4336) or click on the link on our webpage at www.cccdisciples.org. Those who are ill, shut-in or unable to have their photo taken or deployed military personnel are invited to submit a candid photo (nothing with a copyright, please). Those whose photo is included will receive a free 8x10" color photograph and a copy of the new directory. There is no obligation to purchase photographs. Don't miss this last opportunity to be included in the new Directory!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2009
WORSHIP AT 8:00 AND 10:00
Hearing the Kingdom Come

Text: Mark 7:31-37
Charles Watkins

Last Sunday on Summer Schedule

This Sunday, September 6, will be the last Sunday on our summer schedule. We will go back to the fall schedule, with worship at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., on Sunday, September 13.

Elderberries Meet September 9th!

If you are at least 55 years young, we invite you to join the Elderberries for a wonderful meal and program and delightful fellowship together on the second Wednesday of each month. We will meet on Wednesday, September 9th at noon in the Great Hall. The menu this month is Tortellini Soup, Ham & Cheese on a Croissant, Oriental Cole Slaw and Pie. Cost for the meal is just \$4 per person (the best deal in town).

Following lunch, Lyle Meador, Decatur Fire Marshal & Hot Shot the fire safety clown will present a program on fire and fall prevention for senior adults called "Remember When."

To sign up, call the church office (428-4336) or mark "Elderberries" next to your name on the Friendship Pad this Sunday. Reservations need to be made before 5 p.m. on Monday, September 7th so don't delay, reserve your place at the table today!

**Central Youth
Parents Meeting
Sunday, September 13th
at Noon**

Parents of youth grades 6-12 are invited to an informational meeting as we plan for our 2009-2010 Youth program. A light lunch will be provided in the Great Hall. Bring your calendars, ideas, and suggestions.

**Sunday, September 13th
at 5:30-7 p.m.**

Youth Grades 6-12 will participate in the Great Pizza Challenge. We will be ordering from several local pizza places and deciding on the best delivered pizza in Decatur! Come hungry and ready to have fun.

Summit 2.0.0.9

Summit for youth grades 6-12 will be held November 20-22, 2009 at the Lake Williamson Christian Center in Carlinville, Illinois. Mark your calendars today. Registration forms are available at the church office or at www.cciwdisciples.org and should be returned to the church office no later than this Sunday with a check payable to Central for \$75 which includes meals & lodging. Scholarships are available. See Pastor Robert for more information or questions.

**Children & Youth Sunday
School Recess**

Children & Youth Sunday School classes will be on recess Sunday, September 6th. We will return to our regular classes on Sunday, September 13th at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School teachers and substitutes are still needed for the 2009-2010 school year. Contact Pastor Robert if you are interested.

Report of the Nominating Committee 2009

Serving on the Nominating Committee this year are **Sandy Garver '09**, Chair; **Joy Adams '10**, **Mike Holbrook '10**, **Doug Soebbing '10**, **Steve Swarthout '09**, **Mary Jane Oliver**, ex-officio and **Charles Watkins**, ex-officio. The Nominating Committee will recommend to the congregation the election of the following officers in voting on **Sunday, September 20 at both services**. All members of the congregation are invited to attend and cast a ballot.

Nominees for the office of **Trustee** (January 1, 2020-December 31, 2012)

Tom Spry
Carol Stoddard

Nominees for the office of **Deacon** (January 1, 2010-December 31, 2012)

Ed Acheson	Susan Bryant	Mike Holbrook
Lucy Acheson	Greg Carter	Janet Lyman
Ed Adams	Beverly Chapman	David Martin
Joy Adams	Merle Chapman	Suzie Miller
Keith Backes	Dave Flanders	Ron Oliver
Karen Baird	Theresa Fulk	Shirley Petri
Bill Bass	Sandy Garver	Dave Phillips
LeEtta Bass	Gordon Gregory	Nita Phillips
Mark Beal	Erik Harm	Yvonne Purcell
Jarrett Bednar	Melinda Hawbaker	Doug Soebbing
Carol Bischoff	Scott Hawbaker	Donna Strong
Robert Bischoff	Daniel Hinze	Kelly Swallow
Louise Boline	Jim Hinze	Steve Swarthout
Jessica Brooks	Myra Hinze	Brenda Tankersley
Mike Bryant	Carole Holbrook	

Nominees for the office of **Elder** (January 1, 2010-December 31, 2012)

Chris Fagin	Larry Pepper
Linda Kuhns	Bob Smith
Mary Jane Linton	Brett Swallow
Larry Otis	Shirley Swarthout

Nominees for **Honorary Emeriti Offices**

Bess King, Deacon Emerita
Harold King, Elder Emeritus
Juanita Reynolds, Deacon Emerita

CCC Bowling League to Begin

Sign up this week for the Central Christian Church Monday Night Mixed Bowling League. A league meeting will be held on Monday, September 14th at 5:00 p.m. at Spare Time Lanes. Our non-sanctioned league will play for 16 weeks on Monday evenings beginning at 5:00 p.m. on September 21st. The cost is \$9.00 per night plus shoes if you need them. Our goal is fun and fellowship. You need not be an exemplary bowler to join us. The league is open to all high school youth and adults. Substitute bowlers will also be needed. If you are interested in joining us, please sign up the Friendship Center this Sunday.

News From the Pews....

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to **HH & Hilary Critchfield** and family following the August 24th death of his sister, *Mary Lou Allman* of Montpelier, Ohio.....and to **Joann Curtis** and family following the September 1st death of her father, *Joseph Lewis*.

Congratulations to **Brian & Kim Spry**, of Chicago, IL following the August 28th birth of their son, **Braeden Andrew**. Braeden is also welcomed home by his big brother, **Cole** and big sister, **Karissa**. Proud grandparents are **Tom & Robyn Spry**.....and to **Ian & Rebekah Sheffer** following the August 27th birth of their son, **Matthew Christian**. Grandparents are **Bill & Andrea Sheffer**; great-grandmother is **Ellen Sheffer**.

Kick Off Your Fall With a New Study Group at Central!

This fall we will kick off Phase II of Unbinding Your Heart as several new study groups form to continue our emphasis on sharing, prayer and study! All Central members and friends are invited to participate in one or more of the groups described below. Groups will begin the week of September 27th and run for 7 weeks, finishing up the 2nd week of November! Sign-ups begin this Sunday in the Friendship Center and sample study materials will be available for viewing. Study books for all the groups are \$7 each, payable at the first group session. A common meal will be offered on Wednesday nights, from 5:45 to 6:30, before the group sessions. There is no charge for the meal, but donations are welcome to help defray the cost. Childcare will be offered on Wednesday evenings, if requested.

Fully Devoted - Spiritual Life Study led by **Liz Campbell & Gretchen**
Sunday, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Room 212

Fully Devoted - Spiritual Life Study led by **Jody Featherstun, Rosie Doore, & Louise Boline**
Monday, 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Disciple Room

Acts Bible Study led by **Larry Otis & Dick Cain**
Wednesday, 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the Disciple Room

Wednesday Night Supper (for Group Participants)
Wednesday, 5:45-6:30 p.m. in the Great Hall

The Shack - Young Adult Group led by **Kevin Miller & Katie Powers**
Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Disciple Room

The Shack - led by **Linda Kuhns**
Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the church parlor

Acts Bible Study led by **Julie Martin & Betty Scott**
Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Room 280

Coming Soon to JUST FLICKS
the 2007 film *Freedom Writers*
shown on September 13th at 6:00 p.m.
at First Presbyterian Church.



Sunday, September 6, 2009

8:00 and 10:00-Worship Services

Music: Offertory-Lucien Smith

10:00 Anthem-Chancel Choir

9:00-9:45-Parish Nurse Clinic

9:00-Sunday School

9:00-Jubilee! Rehearsal

Monday (7) Labor Day

Church & Office Closed

Tuesday (8)

9:00-ChristCare Stitchers, 207

10:00-Pastors' Staff Meeting,

Senior Pastor's Study

5:00-CADV meeting, Disciple Room

Wednesday (9)

12:00-Elderberries Lunch, Great Hall

12:00-Central Singers

6:30-MCCOCP, Disciple Room

Thursday (10)

7:15-8:30-Baby Talk Staff, Disciple Rm

10:00-Alanon, 212

7:00-Chancel Choir

Friday (11)

2:00-8:00-Directory Pictures

Saturday (12)

7:30-Elders' Breakfast, Disciple Room

8:45-12:00-University Place Christian

Church Retreat, Parlor

9:30-2:30-Directory Pictures

Counting On You

August 30

Worship Attendance 250

Sunday School Attendance 55

Note of Thanks Received

The Reynolds family would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards, or made phone calls to express sympathy in the loss of their loved one, Charlie. A special thanks to the ministers. Your kindness was much appreciated.

Juanita, Mike & Jim

Serving Schedule—September 6, 2009

Elders:

8:00 & 10:00 - John McClarey, Robert Garrett

Elders Serving Imboden Creek Living Center:

Scott Hawbaker & Felicity Williams

Deacons:

8:00 - Team 1 - Gene Garver, Capt., Bev Chapman, Merle Chapman, Dennis Downey, Al Fagin, Chris Fagin, Sally Force, Sandy Garver, Dean Gray, Janet Gray, Gail Prince, Larry Prince, Dean Simcox, Sue Simcox

10:00 - Team 2 - Richard Ward, Capt., Cathy Ash, Jim Ash, Neil Baird, Debbie Bateman, Philip Bateman, Azalee Berner, Warren Berner, Dale Ford, Judy Ford, Erik Harm, Christine Lyman-Harm, Daniel Hinze, David Martin, Julie Martin, Ron Oliver, Aaron Osman, Betsy Osman, Dave Phillips, Nita Phillips, Brett Swallow, Kelly Swallow, Steve Swarthout, Janet Thicksten, Kathy Thornton, Kent West, Lea West

Ushers:

8:00 - Team 1 - Charlotte Ballance, Capt., Jim Bednar, Pamela Bednar, Jarrett Bednar

10:00 - Team 6 - Mark Beal, Capt., Katie Beal, Kaylene Beal, Sean Beal, Charlotte Lyon, Barb Tyler

Greeters:

8:00 - Greg & Jo Carter, Clark & Mary Waldmier

10:00 - Ron & Jan Dobbs, Marylu Lyman, Ruth Ewing

Acolytes:

8:00 - Sam Funk

10:00 - Joshua Bushey

P.A. Operator:

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:00 - Larry Pepper

Preparation of Communion:

Jan & Judson Pease, Carrie & Steve Funk, Maxine Koenig

Van Drivers:

8:00 service and Sunday School - Andy Fulk

Sunday School and 10:00 service - Kevin Wilmot

10:00 service only - Brett Swallow

September 9 Visitor Mailing Crew:

Ruby Agnew, Joanne Gustin

Hosts:

Sept. 7 **Labor Day**

Church & Office Closed

Sept. 8 9:00-12:30 - Gail Prince

12:30-4:00 - Ellen Sheffer

Sept. 9 9:00-12:30 - Virginia Griffith

12:30-4:00 - Marilyn Ward

Sept. 10 9:00-12:30 - Joy Adams

12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

Sept. 11 9:00-12:30 - Harold & Bess King

12:30-4:00 - *Help Needed*

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Pat Beals Administrative Assistant
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Trudy Garland, Regina Rhodes Preschool Teachers
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